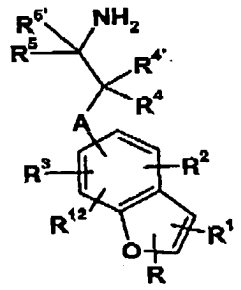
Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

We claim

1. (Currently amended) The compounds of Formula I:



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where:

A is $-CHR^{13}-$ or a bond;

R is hydrogen, halo, cyano, $-C(O)NR^6R^7$, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, and C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

R^1 is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, $-C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-NR^{10}R^{11}$, $-NHC(O)NHR^{14}$, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_4 alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R^4 and $R^{4'}$ are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl; or R^4 and $R^{4'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R^5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

$R^{5'}$ is hydrogen, or R^5 and $R^{5'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^8 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^9 is C_1-C_8 alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

R^{10} is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^{11} is C_1-C_4 alkyl or C_1-C_4 acyl;

R^{12} is hydrogen, halo, or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^{13} is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

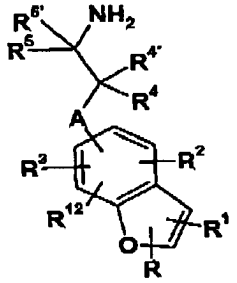
R^{14} is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, and C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof;

provided that when R, R^1, R^3, R^{12}, R^4, $R^{4'}$, R^5, and $R^{5'}$ are each hydrogen, and R^2 is 5-chloro, then A is other than methylene; and

further provided that when R and R^1 are each methyl, R^2 is methoxy, and R^3, R^{12}, R^4, $R^{4'}$, R^5, and $R^{5'}$ are each hydrogen, then A is other than a bond.

2. (Original) A pharmaceutical formulation which comprises, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient, a compound of Formula I:



where:

A is $-CHR^{13}-$ or a bond;

R is hydrogen, halo, cyano, $-C(O)NR^6R^7$, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, and C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

R^1 is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, -C(O)NR^8R^9, -$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -NHC(O)NHR^{14}, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_4 alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R^4 and $R^{4'}$ are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl; or R^4 and $R^{4'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R^5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

$R^{5'}$ is hydrogen, or R^5 and $R^{5'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^8 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^9 is C_1-C_8 alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

R^{10} is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^{11} is C_1-C_4 alkyl or C_1-C_4 acyl;

R^{12} is hydrogen, halo, or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

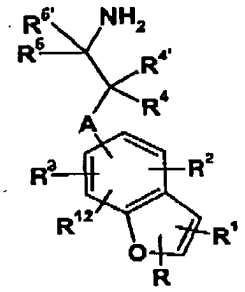
R^{13} is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

R^{14} is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, and C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) A method for the treatment of obesity in mammals, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I:



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R^1 is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, $-C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-NR^{10}R^{11}$, $-NHC(O)NHR^{14}$, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_4 alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R^4 and $R^{4'}$ are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl; or R^4 and $R^{4'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R^5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

$R^{5'}$ is hydrogen, or R^5 and $R^{5'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^8 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^9 is C_1-C_8 alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

R^{10} is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^{11} is C_1-C_4 alkyl or C_1-C_4 acyl;

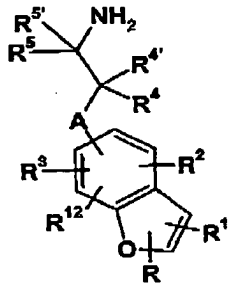
R^{12} is hydrogen, halo, or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^{13} is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

R^{14} is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, and C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

5. (Original) A method for the treatment of depression in mammals, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I:



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R^1 is hydrogen, halo, cyano, carboxamido, formyl, trimethylsilyl, trifluoromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, halo, amino, nitro, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, -C(O)NR^8R^9, -$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -NHC(O)NHR^{14}, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, trifluoromethyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_4 alkoxy, hydroxy, phenoxy, and phenyl;

R^4 and $R^{4'}$ are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl; or R^4 and $R^{4'}$ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclopropyl moiety;

R^5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or benzyl;

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R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^8 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^9 is C_1-C_8 alkyl where the alkyl chain is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxy, phenyl, or pyridyl, said phenyl or pyridyl substituent optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

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or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) A method of Claim 4 where the mammal is human;

8. (Previously presented) A method of Claim 5 where the mammal is human.